

# **FINAL APPROVED**

## **VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE FORMAL HEARING MINUTES**

**Friday, October 21, 2011**

**Department of Health Professions  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite #300**

**Henrico, Virginia**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A panel of the Board was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stephen Heretick, J.D., Chair  
Claudette Dalton, M.D.  
Deeni Bassam, M.D.  
J. Randolph Clements, D.P.M.  
Kamlesh N. Dave, M.D.  
Valerie Hoffman, D.C.  
Karen Ransone, M.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Rachel Baer, Assistant Attorney General

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director of the Board  
Renee S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager

**COURT REPORTER:** Laneida Briggs, Crane-Snead & Associates

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF  
COMMONWEALTH:** Corie E. Tillman Wolf, Assistant Attorney General  
Tracy Robinson, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH  
WITNESS:** Janice Fleming, R.N. (former DHP investigator)  
N. Turner Gray, M.D., (Medical Examiner)  
Patient H (*by telephone*)

**RESPONDENT WITNESS:** Beatriz Amberman

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** George Amberman, M.D. License No.: 0101-035205  
Case No.: 121644, 126362, 127754

**PRELIMINARY MATTER:** Dr. Amberman requested that the Board accept additional documentation and admit it into evidence. Ms. Wolf noted no objections on behalf of the Commonwealth.

**RULING:** Hearing no objections, the Chair ruled that the additional documentation submitted by Dr. Amberman would be marked as Respondent Exhibit A and admitted into evidence.

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Amberman appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated September 7, 2011. Dr. Amberman was not represented by counsel.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from witnesses called by the parties and Dr. Amberman regarding the matters as set forth in the Statement of Particulars dated September 7, 2011.

**MOTIONS:**

At the conclusion of Dr. Amberman's case presentation, he requested that the Board admit into evidence additional documents that substantiate aspects of his testimony. Ms. Wolf noted no objections on behalf of the Commonwealth.

**RULING:**

Hearing no objections, the Chair ruled that the additional documents would be marked as Respondent Exhibit B and admitted into evidence.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Bassam, and duly seconded by Dr. Dave, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(27) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Amberman. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Baer, Dr. Harp, and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Upon a motion by Dr. Bassam, and duly seconded by Dr. Dave, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and voted to suspend the license of Dr. Amberman.

**VOTE:**

The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

*The decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decisions of this formal hearing panel.*

Valerie L Hoffman DC

Valerie Hoffman, D.C., Chair

1/10/12

Date

William L. Harp, M.D.

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

1/26/12

Date